DODGE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 127 EAST OAK STREET JUNEAU, WI 53039 OCTOBER 29, 2013

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on October 29, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 4C of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, Bill Muche, and John Schmid.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and Rich Christian, USDA-Animal Damage Control Office in Waupun.

Others Present: Richard Emerson, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association Board Member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2013 meeting; seconded by Schmid. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Richard Emerson introduced himself to the committee, indicating that he is a member of the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association Board, and that he was attending the meeting today simply to observe the meeting.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS: There were no conservation plans to be approved and signed at this meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2013 WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM CROP PRICES: Rich Christian of the USDA-Animal Damage Control Office in Waupun presented the proposed crop prices for processing crop damage claims under the 2013 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program. Motion by Miller to approve the 2013 Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program crop prices as proposed by the USDA-Animal Damage Control Office; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE REPORT: John Bohonek updated the committee on the status of projects permitted under the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance (see attached report).

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: The names of six (6) Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) participants that have not yet certified compliance with conservation requirements for 2013 was shared with the committee. The next step will be to send certified letters to each of these participants, warning them of the possible issuance of an Involuntary Notice of Noncompliance by the Land Conservation Committee at the November 2013 committee meeting. Two Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance were presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance for Steve Lins, Town of Portland; and for Michael Battisti, Town of Theresa; seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Marc Bethke gave a status report on FPP participants that have certified conservation compliance for 2013, but have failed to pay the \$25.00 FPP service fee. All of these participants were already sent a reminder notice requesting their payment of the fee. Options presented for dealing with this matter were to either discontinue efforts to collect this fee from these that have not yet paid, or to send one final reminder/warning letter, requesting payment of the fee, and informing them that failure to do so would result in a referral to the county corporation counsel's office for collection of the fee. Input from Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke and committee members concluded with a consensus of opinion that all of these participants be contacted once more by telephone to encourage them to pay this \$25 service fee. There was general agreement that small claims collection activities not be undertaken. Lastly, it was reported that three (3) FPP participants that were scheduled to have a nutrient management plan in place for the first time in 2013 have indicated that they did not prepare such a plan for the 2013 cropping season. The committee considered whether to issue these participants a notice of noncompliance at this time, or to allow then one additional year in which to prepare this plan. Consensus of the committee was to contact these three participants to inform them that while they did not meet their schedule of compliance regarding this matter in 2013, they will be expected to prepare a nutrient management plan for the 2014 cropping season, and if they fail to do this, the Land Conservation Committee will consider issuing them a notice of noncompliance.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Jim Mielke reported on items of discussion at the October 8, 2013 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. During this meeting, it was agreed that there should be an informal meeting/discussion by and between members of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners, staff of the Dodge County Land Conservation Department, representatives from the Dodge County Farm Bureau, County Board Chairman Russell Kottke, and County Administrator Jim Mielke to discuss the common goals that we share, and to consider if there are other ways to address our mutual concerns regarding winter manure spreading. John Schmid reported on discussion items at the October 10, 2013 meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake District. There was discussion regarding high nitrate levels in both surface water and ground water in and around Fox Lake, but no action was taken. It was also reported that the lake district is considering pursuing the creation and enactment of a local manure spreading ordinance through the Town Board of the Town of Fox Lake. Howard Kriewald reported on sites visited during the Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association annual tour held in Dane County on October 10, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke distributed copies of minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners to each committee member.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Muche, seconded by Miller to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

- Howard Kriewald Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Tour on October 10, 2013 per diem and 138 miles.
- John Schmid Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on October 10, 2013 per diem and 9 miles. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Miller to adjourn at 10:15 AM; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

Ed Nelson, Chair

Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

Hotel Mead – Lodging for Marc Bethke at County	
Conservationist Meeting =	\$ 70.00
One Landowner – Land & Water Cost Sharing =	\$ 446.25
Dane County - Southern Area Tour Registration =	\$ 12.00
John Bohonek – October Expenses =	\$ 81.33
Robert Bird – September/October Expenses =	\$ 39.96
TOTAL =	\$ 649.54
(REVENUE)	
DATCP - Land and Water Cost Sharing Reimbursement =	\$ 446.25
Five FPP Service Fee Payments =	\$ 125.00
Three Small Packet Tree Orders =	\$ 319.43
TOTAL =	\$ 890.68

OCTOBER ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE REPORT

Bob Topel(Portland) – project completed waiting for engineer certification.

Russ Warmka(Trenton) -project completed.

 $Roger\ Weber(Rubicon)-working\ on\ short\ term\ storage.$

Dustin Brunn(Trenton) – discussing storage and transfer.

Ryan Kittel(Burnett) - working on transfer design.

OCTOBER 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Dodge County LCD staff worked cooperatively with staff from UWEX and USDA to sponsor a successful cover crop field day on the Jeff and Jerry Kreuziger Farm on October 1-2, 2013
- Attended fall county conservationist's meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on October 3-4, 2013
- Attended supervisor training on employee performance evaluations on October 14, 2013
- Attended DNR meeting with Dodge County waste water treatment facility operators on October 14, 2013 regarding potential watershed based permitting for new discharge permits
- Beginning to receive small packet tree orders for spring 2014 delivery and planting